

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

April 24, 2019

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and to celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities throughout the United States (U.S.). This year, NIIW will be April 27-May 4, 2019.

In 2019, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of NIIW. When the NIIW observance was established in 1994, immunization programs were facing significant challenges. The nation was in the midst of a serious measles outbreak and communities across the U.S. were seeing decreasing immunization rates among children.

2019 also marks the 25th anniversary of the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. VFC is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. The VFC program helps children get their vaccines according to the recommended immunization schedule. It has helped increase childhood immunization coverage levels, making a significant contribution to

the elimination of disparities in vaccination coverage among young children.

As noted in the [Special Alert sent on Tuesday, April 9, 2019](#), the annual Kansas VFC provider enrollment is open. All current VFC providers should submit the requested documents to the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP) by May 1, 2019. This will assure validation and all signatures are completed by the closing of enrollment on May 8, 2019. **Any provider who has not completed this process by the closing of enrollment is subject to suspension from the VFC program.**

As always, our goal at the KIP is to support providers in being successful. If you are having any issues with completing the enrollment process, please contact the help desk at 877-296-0464, kdhe.immunizationregistry@ks.gov or contact your Regional Immunization Consultant.

We want to thank all providers for your attention to this enrollment period. As of April 23rd, 43% of providers have completed the 2019 enrollment process. Are you one of these?



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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Pregnancy is the perfect time to begin introducing parents to immunization schedules and educating them on the importance of vaccines to protect new babies from vaccine preventable diseases. This is also the perfect time to discuss vaccines parents and family members can get to protect babies as well. Once a new baby arrives, everyone wants to hold, cuddle, and love on the new baby. Unfortunately, we don't just share our love and affection, we can also pass along vaccine preventable diseases such as pertussis and influenza. Because new babies have not yet had the opportunity to be vaccinated, it is important to protect all those around the baby. Most infants that contract pertussis do so through contact with an infected family member. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have several resources to share with soon-to-be parents about how vaccinating themselves can prevent their new baby from becoming sick.

You may have heard the term "cocooning." Cocooning is a way to protect infants from vaccine preventable diseases by simply not exposing them. Parents, family members, friends, and day care providers can protect vulnerable infants by protecting themselves and receiving vaccinations against influenza and pertussis. The CDC has two webpages that discuss vaccines during pregnancy, as well as cocooning as a way to protect infants: [Surround Babies with Protection](#) and [Maternal Vaccines: Part of a Healthy Pregnancy](#). CHOP has a webpage [Vaccine Considerations for New and Expecting Moms](#) that discusses vaccine "does and don'ts" during pregnancy, and offers links to informational booklets such as [Vaccine Safety and Your Child](#), [Separating Fact from Fiction](#) and [Vaccines and Your Baby](#). CHOP also has a 27-minute video made up of several shorter videos discussing vaccine preventable diseases, the importance of vaccinations, and shares some touching stories of children lost due to vaccine preventable disease such as chicken pox, pertussis and measles. The video, [Vaccines: Separating Fact from Fear](#), can be viewed by clicking the link.

Influenza Surveillance April 24, 2019



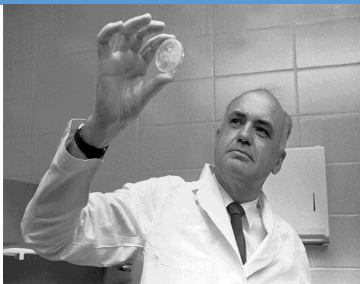
The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending April 13, ILINet sites reported 1.4% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 2.0% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. Influenza A/H3 activity has increased in Kansas during the past few weeks. The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories (KHEL) has detected A/H3 in 151 specimens, A/H1 in 65 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens and one influenza B (Victoria) specimen. Thirty-three influenza outbreaks have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) this season. As a reminder, outbreaks of any disease are reportable and should be reported to the epidemiology hotline at (877) 427-7317. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.

2019 Kansas VFC Annual Enrollment is in process. [Click here](#) for information.

Submit by May 1, 2019.



2019 marks the 100 year anniversary of Dr. Hilleman's birth. As we celebrate this remarkable scientist who touched each of our lives, we are excited to share this special announcement!



The Maurice R. Hilleman Essay Contest

Entries are open now through June 7, 2019.

To commemorate Dr. Hilleman's remarkable legacy, the Vaccine Makers Project of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is holding a student essay contest. Students in grades 6 to 12 are invited to learn about Dr. Hilleman's life and accomplishments and submit a 500-600 word essay that answers the question, **"How would the world be different if Dr. Hilleman had not lived the life he did?"**

Essays will be judged on adherence to the submission guidelines, grammar and language, originality and organization. Judging will take into consideration author's age. Each of three winners will receive a **\$1,000 cash prize and a trip to Philadelphia for September 18-20, 2019**, including:

- Round trip transportation to Philadelphia for each winner and chaperone*
- Hotel room for each winner and chaperone to share for two nights in Philadelphia*
- Tour of labs at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Research Institute and breakfast with CHOP scientist

- Two (2) tickets to the Franklin Institute
- Two (2) Philadelphia City Passes to see 3 attractions
- Dinner with Hilleman Film movie production team
- Attendance at "Memories of Maurice" evening reception where winners will share their winning essays and receive their awards

Students in grades 6 to 12 living in the United States, District of Columbia, or U.S. Territories and currently enrolled in a school in the United States are eligible to participate. Students must be enrolled in a public, private, cyber, religious or charter school, or attend a home school program. Interested students should compose a 500-600 word essay that answers the essay question and submit their essay, according to the contest requirements, along with the required [entry and permissions form](#), found on the [Hilleman film website](#) by the contest deadline of June 7, 2019. Visit the [essay contest page](#) to learn more or access the rules and the entry and permissions form.

Visit HillemanFilm.com to:

- Get the [contest entry form](#)
- Get details about the [contest, official rules, and check out prize details](#)
- Learn about [Dr. Hilleman's life](#)



News From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Total number of U.S. measles cases for 2019 climbs to 626 with 71 new cases reported since last week

CDC has posted its latest update on 2019 measles cases in the U.S. on its [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#) web page. The web page shows a preliminary estimate of 626 cases across 22 states as of April 19. In 2018, the number of cases for the entire year was 372. The first two paragraphs from this website are reprinted below.

From January 1 to April 19, 2019, 626 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 22 states. This is an increase of 71 cases from the previous week. This is the second-greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since measles was eliminated in 2000, second only to the 667 cases reported during all of 2014. In the coming weeks, 2019 confirmed case numbers will likely surpass 2014 levels.

The states that have reported cases to CDC are Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Texas, Tennessee, and Washington.

Access additional information about U.S. measles cases in 2019 on CDC's [Measles Cases and Outbreaks](#) web page.

CDC publishes report on the number of cases of high-grade cervical lesions diagnosed among women; reduction in cases demonstrates impact of the HPV vaccination program

CDC published [Estimated Number of Cases of High-Grade Cervical Lesions Diagnosed Among Women—United States, 2008 and 2016](#) in the April 19 issue of *MMWR*. A summary made available to the press is reprinted below.

We report the first estimate of the number of high-grade cervical precancers (CIN2+ cases) in the United States using population-based data. In 2008, before vaccine impact, an estimated 216,000 women were diagnosed with CIN2+, and 10 years after vaccine introduction, an estimated 196,000. In 2008, 55% of cervical precancers were detected in women less than 30 years of age; in 2016, only 36% of cervical precancers were diagnosed in this age group. This decline reflects both the impact of the U.S. HPV vaccination program and changes in cervical cancer screening recommendations between 2008 and 2016. Some of the changes include initiating cervical cancer screening at an older age, incorporating HPV testing as part of screening, and having longer intervals between screenings. Overall, an estimated 76% of cervical precancers were attributable to HPV vaccine types.

WHO resource on how to handle vaccine deniers in public

This resource document "[Responding to Vaccine Deniers](#)" provides basic broad principles and knowledge for program managers and other health officials on how to respond to vocal vaccine deniers.



2019 Kansas Immunization Conference

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at seven hotels in Salina for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. Note that rooms will book quickly in Salina, particularly for the last night as the annual River Festival will follow our conference. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

| Hotel | Rooms | Rate | Deadline | Phone |
|------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Hilton Garden Inn | 10 | \$132.00 | 5/9/2019 | 785-309-0440 |
| Country Inn and Suites | 43 | \$82.00 | 6/1/2019 | 785-827-1271 |
| Hampton Inn | 90 | \$129.00 | 5/27/2019 | 785-823-9800 |
| Holiday Inn Salina | 5 | 129.99 Doubles | 5/11/2019 | 785-404-6767 |
| Holiday Inn Salina | 35 | \$94.00 King | 5/11/2019 | 785-404-6767 |
| Holiday Inn Express | 30 | \$94.00 | 5/10/2019 | 785-404-3300 |
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| Candlewood Suites | 10 | \$94.00 Doubles | 5/13/2019 | 785-823-6939 |
| Courtyard by Marriott | 15 | \$129.00 | 5/5/2019 | 785-309-1300 |

2019 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

VACCINES CAUSE ADULTS

JUNE 11-13, 2019

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Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to the 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting: "Connect. Interact. Learn." June 6-8 at the Wichita Marriott. This is your opportunity to network with fellow family physicians, participate in Academy business, and earn up to 20.5 CME credits. KAFP is pleased to offer a pre-conference session 'MAT Waiver Training' on June 5, free for KAFP members and only \$50 for non-members. Register for the MAT Waiver training with your Annual Meeting registration [\[click here\]](#) or as a separate event [\[click here\]](#). Visit www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/ for Annual Meeting schedule, registration and more!

June 5, 2019 | 1 – 5:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session:
MAT Waiver Training

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Wichita Marriott, Wichita, KS

CME sessions encompass social determinants of health, wound care, smart technology with children, long acting reversible contraception, POCUS, prostate cancer, COPD, obesity, diabetes, pediatrics, lupus and more. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or email kafp@kafponline.org with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us to Connect. Interact. Learn!

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This Live activity, Kansas-AFP 2019 Annual Meeting, with a beginning date of 06/05/2019, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 20.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Click here to [register today!](#)

Webinar—Understanding and Reducing the Risk of Meningococcal Disease

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Presented by:

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Pediatrician

Central DuPage Physician Group Glen Ellyn, IL

Webinar and Audio Conference

Tuesday, April 30, 2019 12 p.m. CST

[Zoom Log In](#)

To participate, please call:

Audio will be available through webinar; For audio only, dial 1-669-900-6833

Zoom Meeting ID: 257 934 504; Password: meningitis

The objectives of this educational program are to:

Review meningococcal disease epidemiology

Review recommendations to help prevent meningococcal disease

Discuss ways to increase immunization rates in adolescent patients

Discuss the differences between conjugate and polysaccharide vaccines

Please RSVP by:

April 29, 2019

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